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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: TYING OF AUTOMOBILE RADIO SALES

REF: STATE 258197 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT
THAT IT IS QUOTE: CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE
MARKETING PRACTICES OF VARIOUS DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AUTO-
MOBILE PRODUCERS, AS THEY RELATE TO AUTOMOBILE RADIOS.
DURING THE PAST YEAR, A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS HAVE MADE
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A RADIO STANDARD EQUIPMENT ON VARIOUS MODELS OF THEIR
AUTOMOBILES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THIS PRACTICE AMOUNTS TO AN ILLEGAL
TYING ARRANGEMENT THAT VIOLATES SECTION 1 OF THE SHERMAN
ACT.

2. QUOTE: THIS WEEK, VOLKSWAGEN ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS

MAKING A RADIO STANDARD EQUIPMENT ON AT LEAST ONE OF ITS
1979 MODEL AUTOMOBILES. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE WISHES TO SEND A LETTER OF INQUIRY TO VOLKSWAGEN
OF AMERICA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT
THIS NEW POLICY. UNQUOTE.

3. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE WEST
GERMAN AUTHORITIES OF THIS IMPENDING ACTION BY DOJ IN
ACCORDANCE WITH US-FRG AGREEMENT ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS
PRACTICES AND 1967 OECD RECOMMENDATION. CHRISTOPHER

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